

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF ATKINSON N. H.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1864.

HAVERHILL:

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1864.**

RECEIPTS.

Assessed State, County, Town and School tax,	\$2481 40
“ Nonresident highway tax,	74 94
Received from the State on account of volunteers,	329 25
“ Literary fund,	27 00
“ From the State bounty for volunteers,	600 00
“ Railroad tax,	77 83
Balance due in hands of Treasures of 1859,	6 09
“ Received from Treasurer of 1862,	349 64
Received for labor of E. Noyes,	1 05
“ Received interest,	1 10
By note to Johnathan Williams,	1000 00
“ David Whittaker,	700 00
“ Thomas N. Chase,	600 00
“ Horace Bailey,	500 00
“ Edwin L. Greenough,	400 00
“ Isaac & Charles Stevens,	300 00
“ Samuel Davis,	200 00
	————\$764 80

EXPENDITURES.

To State Treasurer,	\$507 60
County Treasurer,	331 73
School tax,	403 00
	————\$1242 33
Paid State aid,	272 07

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PAUPERS.

To support of Enoch Noyes,	\$94 98
" Hezekiah Merrill,	61 75
" Judith Tewksbury,	43 64
	—————\$200 37
To drafted men,	1200 00
Paid for volunteers,	3460 00
	—————\$4660 00

SUNDRIES.

To E. H. Safford, printing reports March 1863,	15 00
E. N. Greenough, stationary and stamp,	3 60
" repairing bridge near I. S. Noyes,	1 75
{ John Dow, Jr. ringing bell,	20 00
B. H. Steele, labor on Town Hall,	1 50
John Kelly, surveying,	1 40
A. B. Little expense to Portsmouth,	3 40
" expense to Concord,	4 30
" Stationary, stamps,	2 10
	—————\$53 05

SNOW BILLS FOR 1862—1863

To David W. Little	\$3 90
To Nonresident highway receipts	65 79

NOTES AND INTEREST.

To Jesse Page, interest,	72 00
John H. Smith,	18 00
William Brickett,	24 00
Nathan Johnson, note and interest,	572 94
E. N. Greenough, " "	12 36
M. D. Greenough, " "	12 36
	—————\$711 66

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Taxes of 1861, John E. Moody,	2 19
" 1862, Charles Baily,	1 55
" " Henry Noyes, 2nd	1 55
" " David Sloane,	1 68
" 1863, Charles Bailey,	2 53
" " George W. Stevens,	2 53
	—————\$12 03

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TOWN OFFICERS.

To Albert Noyes, superintending school committee	\$13 00	
Charles Fernald, Town clerk,	12 46	
William C. Noyes, Treasurer,	20 00	
“ “ Collector,	38 34	
E. N. Greenough, Selectman,	27 50	
A. B. Little, “	25 00	
Jesse A. Sawyer, “	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$151 55

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts sum total,		\$7648 30
Expenditures,	7372 75	
In hand of Collector of 1859,	6 09	
“ “ “ 1863,	70 00	
Cash in hand of Treasurer, “	199 46	
	<hr/>	\$7648 30

STATE OF TOWN FINANCES MARCH 1st 1861, NOTES PAYABLE,

Eliza Plummer, Note and interest,	\$112 38	
Joseph Noyes, “ “	224 72	
M. D. Greenough, “ “	100 00	
E. N. Greenough, “ “	100 00	
Enoch Bassett, “ “	110 71	
Jesse Page, “ “	1230 00	
Byron Noyes, “ “	216 47	
John H. Smith, “ “	308 90	
William Brickett, “ “	408 80	
Joseph Noyes, “ “	319 35	
Edwin L. Greenough, “ “	106 40	
William Noyes, “ “	883 73	
Jonathan Williams, “ “	1027 65	
Edwin L. Greenough, “ “	406 70	
Horace Bailey, “ “	508 35	
Isaac & C. Stevens, “ “	305 00	
David Whittaker, “ “	711 66	
Thomas N. Chase, “ “	610 00	
Samuel Davis, “ “	202 06	
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DUE THE TOWN

Balance due in hand of collector of 1859,	\$6 09
“ “ “ 1863,	70 00
Cash in hand of Treasurer, “	199 46
Due from the State on acc't of families of volunteers,	164 54
“ “ United States for volunteers,	1800 00
	—————\$2240 09
Balance against the Town,	5652 79

EDWARD N. GREENOUGH,	} Selectmen of Atkinson.
ALFRED B. LITTLE,	
JESSE A. SAWYER.	

UPON examination of the foregoing accounts as presented to us by th
Selectmen we find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corre
ponding with the same.

RICHARD GREENOUGH	} Auditors.
CALEB R. DOW.	
WILLIAM NOYES.	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The citizens of Atkinson, need few words to show them the condition of their School.

Brevity is tolerable, prolixity inexcusable.

The amount of school money raised and otherwise received and appropriated the past year, was four hundred one dollars sixty four cents, which was apportioned equally to the several districts in town.

DISTRICT No. 1,

ELWIN L. GILINOUGH, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Adaline J. Messer.

With a young inexperienced teacher, and a six weeks school, not much could have been expected had Miss Messer, been properly supported and encouraged a more flattering report might have been written.

It is hoped that in future the parents in this district will render better service to their teacher. Where much is given much may reasonably be required.

SECOND TERM.

Taught by Miss Dora Webster,

This teacher was fortunate in having the district strongly prejudiced in her favor, at the commencement of her school, and we most heartily congratulate both teacher and district in their success.

DISTRICT NO. 2,

BENJ. K. POOR, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Both terms in this district were taught by Miss Laura A. Knight whose experience and success in other schools made failure almost an impossibility. The services of such teachers are much needed: and should the several prudential committee hereafter to be chosen, act on the hint, we believe no one will have reason for regrets.

DISTRICT NO. 3

WM. C. NOYES, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

This district voted at their annual meeting to divide the money apportioned to them, spending one half at the north end, and the remainder at the south end. By accident or intent, both schools were in operation at the same time. Waiving all discussion of legality, I shall speak of each school agreeably to impressions received at the several visits made.

NORTH END.

Miss S. Lizzie Dow, Teacher.

The appearance of this school was uniformly good and a reasonable amount of progress made. But we fail to discover in the parents that anxiety and deep concern which is requisite to give vitality and energy to both teacher and scholar. It would be well for this part of the district to have, and manifest a care "whether the school keeps or not."

SOUTH END.

Miss Sarah E. Irving, Teacher.

This school was well taught and well appreciated by both scholars and parents. Thanks to the parents for the interest manifested. "They have their reward."

DISTRICT NO. 4.

JOS. L. MERFILL, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Hattie L. Warner Teacher.

Both terms of this school were in the charge of Miss Warner, of whom not the slightest complaint ever came to me. Her school ever appeared well with the exception of some embarrassment, the natural result of hard pressure for an answer "quick."

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN LITTLE, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Miss Fannie M. Vent, Teacher.

Notwithstanding this was the first attempt of Miss Vent, we deem it a decided success.

Both terms were in her charge, and satisfactory improvement, the result much is due the parents in this district for the interest manifested, as witnessed at the close of the school.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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DISTRICT NO. 6,

THOS. L. PAGE, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Alice M. Little, Teacher,

I am happy to believe Miss Little, labored faithfully and well for this district, and it should ever occur to some of the parents that their children are dull and backward, let me call their attention to the record of attendance, as shown by the register.

REMARKS.

THE Citizens of Atkinson should be well informed as to the wants of their common schools. Let me urge that you feel and manifest a deeper interest in the education of the young of to day, knowing that they are to be the middle aged and old of tomorrow.

I must call your attention to one fact in relation to our youth, which demands immediate action, viz., while our girls receive full benefit of all our public schooling, our boys are deprived of such benefit by an early demand for their labor; and not unfrequently, at the age of ten or eleven years, their school days are finished, and the boy is finished.

You will say, there are private schools—yes, and there is a President's Chair, but simply to know it, will not make our boys scholars, or statesmen.

A hint from Messrs Selectmen, saying, our financial report will be long, admonishes me to close.

Parents and citizens who have co-operated with me to advance our public schools, have my sincere thanks.

ALBERT NOYES, S. S. Committee.

